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### **District Man Sentenced to 13 Years in Prison for Multiple Burglaries**

**Washington, D.C.** – Acting U.S. Attorney Channing D. Phillips announced today that on June 9, 2009, the Honorable Robert I. Richter of D.C. Superior Court sentenced a 41-year-old District man, Kenneth Redfear, to a total of 13 years incarceration for committing a string of burglaries on December 18 and 29, 2008, in Southeast Washington, D.C. On March 5, 2009, Redfear pled guilty to one count of First Degree Burglary, three counts of Second Degree Burglary, and one count of Attempt Second Degree Burglary.

According to the factual proffer presented at Redfear's plea hearing, on December 12, 2008, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Redfear broke into a home in the 3200 block of Stanton Road, S.E., and stole several pieces of electronic equipment. No one was home at the time of the break-in. Later that same day, at approximately 1:45 p.m., Redfear broke into a second home in the same block, again while the homeowners were out, and stole a Nintendo game system. Redfear gained entry into the home by throwing a rock at a window in the back door. A neighbor witnessed this incident and called 911. Within minutes, Officers of the Metropolitan Police Department, including Officer Tonia Jones, arrived on the scene and found Redfear walking in the block carrying the stolen items. Redfear was arrested and subsequently released.

On December 29, 2008, at approximately 10:00 a.m., Redfear broke into a home in the 800 block of Barnaby Street, S.E., while the homeowners were still inside. One of the homeowners interrupted the burglary after Redfear broke a basement window to gain entry into the house, and Redfear fled before he could steal anything. Later that morning, at approximately 11:50 a.m., Redfear attempted to break into another home in the same area, in the 900 block of Valley Avenue, S.E. This burglary attempt was interrupted when the homeowner came home and saw Redfear using a pole to break a side window of the house. Redfear again ran off before he could steal any property. At approximately 12:00 p.m. that same afternoon, Redfear broke into a third home, in the 800 block of Marjorie Court, S.E., while the homeowner was in the shower. Redfear stole a diamond engagement ring, a Coach bag, and two wrist watches before the owner interrupted the burglary and called 911. When Metropolitan Police Department officers, including Officer Tonia Jones, arrived on the scene, they quickly realized that the same person was responsible for all three burglaries. While canvassing the neighborhood, Officer Jones recognized Redfear as he was coming out of a building on Wheeler Road, S.E. Redfear ran, but Officer Jones apprehended him several blocks away. When caught, Redfear was still

holding the diamond engagement ring that he had stolen from the Marjorie Court burglary.

In announcing the sentence, Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips commended the work of Metropolitan Police Department Detectives Arthur Reed, David Gaither, James Tyler and Joseph Belfiore, along with Seventh District Police Officers Michael Kersey, Eric Levenberry, Michael McConaughey, Ralph Warren Jr., and Ashley Rosenthal, along with MPD Crime Scene Technicians Kenneth Bryant and Raymond Bond. Acting U.S. Attorney Phillips also particularly commended the work of Officer Tonia Jones, who twice arrested Redfear. He also thanked Assistant U.S. Attorney Suzanne C. Libby who investigated the case, and handled Redfear's plea and sentencing.

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